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FIRE IN POSTAL TELEGRAPH

graph building. 1345 E street, last evening about 8 o'clock caused a slight fire. So much smoke was caused that the operators had to desert their instruments and leave the building. A large number of messenger boys were about the building and they were summoned to the building by the 145. On account of the location of the fire but the prompt work of the firemen prewere confined to the waste material.

A large crowd of spectators assembled and the police experienced considerable trouble in keeping the curious ones out of the way of the firemen. The latter succeeded in extinguishing the flames in a

short time and when the smoke had cleared away the telegraph operators returned to the building. The damage to the structure amounted to about \$25,and additional damage to the contents caused by the smoke. No. 1 engine company hastened to the home of the Ladies' Club, 1710 I street northwest, last evening about 7:30 o'clock and extinguished a slight blaze in the basement of the building. It is thought that the flames were due to spontaneous combustion. The fire was extinguished before the property had been damaged to any material extent. The burning of a pile of straw and rubbish in the yard in the rear of the home of James Jackson, 903 G street southwest, last evening alarmed the neighbors and an alarm was turned in from box 435. Several companies of the fire department re-

ish and Indian scientists in this country. tell whether they have been kept in order is to read them, which there are not more than two men in Washington capable of doing. The language is Thibetan, but the characters are devanajon, which are the same that are used in sanskrit, modern Hindoo and many other eastern languages just as Roman characters are used for English, French, Spanish and a good many other languages.

other languages.

The whole work numbers 8,000 slokas or paragraphs and in all there are 366 pages. The title of the work is the Prajna Paramita or Transcendental Wisdom. The subject matter is doubtless interesting and instructive, but is not for the uninitiated. The principal interest is in the manuscript as a plece of Thibetan book work and from this viewpoint, it is rare and valuable. viewpoint, it is rare and valuable.

REPLY BY PRESIDENT CASSATT. Charges of Bituminous Coal Trade

vania Railroad Company said at Philadelthe charges made in the memorial, since the complainants stated that they had no "information upon which to base a suit at law before the interstate commerce com-

there is no discrimination, either in rules or in the car distribution or in the use of any other facilities of the railroad, between miners and shippers over the Pennsylvania railroad lines; third, there is no soft coal trust as charged, and the charges in the memorial are absolutely unfounded or intentionally misleading."

Mr. Cassatt said that if the complainants believed that any such state of affairs existed, they could go to either the interstate commerce commission or the Department of Commerce and Labor; that the interstate commerce commission was fully partment of Commerce and Labor; that the interstate commerce commission was fully empowered to inquire into the deal with all alleged discriminations, and the Department of Commerce and Labor had authority to investigate any alleged combinations in restraint of trade.

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SENATE ACTS FAVORABLY BY A VOTE OF 38 TO 27.

of a Number of Amendments-Statehood Next in Line.

The ship subsidy bill was passed by the Senate yesterday afternoon by a vote of 38 to 27. Quite a number of amendments were agreed to. The vote on the passage of the bill was as follows:

Yeas-Aldrich, Allee, Allison, Ankeny, Brandegee, Burnham, Burrows, Carter, Clark of Wyoming, Crane, Dick, Dryden, Foraker, Frye, Fulton, Gallinger, Gamble, Hale, Hansbrough, Hemenway, Heyburn, Hopkins, Kean, Lodge, Long, McCumber, Millard, Nelson, Nixon, Penrose, Perkins, Piles, Platt, Scott, Smoot, Sutherland, Warren and Wetmore; total, 38.

Nays-Bacon, Blackburn, Burkett, Clarke of Arkansas, Clay, Daniel, Dolliver, Dubols, Foster, Frazier, Gearin, La Follette, Latimer, McCreary, McLaurin, Morgan, Newlands, Overman, Patterson, Pettus, Ray-ner, Simmons, Spooner, Stone, Taliaferro, Teller and Warner; total, 27.

Provisions of the Bill.

As passed, the bill establishes thirteen new contract mail lines and increases the subvention of the oceanic lines running from the Pacific coast to Australasia. Of the thirteen new lines, three leave Atlantic coast ports, one running to Brazil, one to Uruguay and Argentina and one to South Africa; six from ports on the Gulf of Mexico, embracing one to Brazil, one to Cuba, one to Mexico and three to Central America and the Isthmus of Panama; four from Pacific coast ports, embracing two to Japan, China and the Philippine Islands direct, one to Japan, China and the Philippines via Hawaii and one to Mexico, Central America and the Isthmus of Panama.

The bill also grants a subvention at the rate of \$5 per gross ton per year to cargo vessels engaged in the foreign trade of the United States and at the rate of \$6.50 per ton to vessels engaged in the Philippine trade, the Philippine coastwise law being postponed until 1969. Another feature of the the bill is that creating a naval reserve force of 10,000 officers and men, who are to receive retainers after the British practice. Vessels receiving subsidies are required to carry a certain proportion of naval re-serve men among the crew. The aggregate compensation for mail lines is about \$3,000,-000 annually. No steam vessels of less than 1,000 tons is to receive aid under the bill.

Important Amendments Adopted. Many important amendments were accepted by the Senate without division, and these included most of those suggested by Mr. Allison. The important changes made

were the following: Including seamen engaged in the trade of the great lakes and the coast in the naval reserve, limiting the reserve to 10,000 men; requiring annual instead of gross appropriations; confining the subsidy to cargo vesvels to steam vessels of more than 1,000 sailing vessels of more than 200 tons and fishing vessels of more than twenty tons; excluding American vessels engaged exclusively in foreign trade from the benefits of the bill; giving authority to the United States to take immediate possession of a subsidized vessel for its own use in case of emergency; increasing to one-fourth after 1912 the number of American citizens required in the crews of subsidized ships; in-creasing the subsidized gulf coast lines from four to six and the Pacific coast lines from three to four, and providing that they shall depart from Puget Sound and the Co lumbia river.

The first aye and no vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Bacon to strike out the provision for a naval reserve. It was lost, 25 to 39. The democrats voted solidly for the amendment and three republican votes, those of Messrs. Allison, Doliver and Spooner were cast with them.

Mr. Patterson then submitted his amend-

ment providing that no part of the subsidy should be paid to ships employing Chinese as a part of their deck crews. The amendment was lost, 17 to 47.

The senators voting in the affirmative were Messrs. Ankeny, Carter, Daniel, Du-

bois, Foster, Fulton, Gearin, La Follette, McLaurin, Newlands, Nixon, Patterson, Perkins, Piles, Rayner, Teller and War-Mr. Spooner moved to strike out the pro vision giving half pay to members of the naval reserve who have served for less than six months, and the motion prevailed, 34 to 30. This was the only amendment made to the bill, in opposition to the wishes of its supporters. The vote on it was as fol-

Yeas-Allison, Ankeny, Bacon, Blackburn, Yeas—Allison, Ankeny, Bacon, Blackburn, Burkett, Burrows, Clark of Arkansas, Clay, Daniel, Dolliver, Dubois, Foster, Frazier, Fulton, Gamble, Gearin, Hemenway, La Follette, Latimer, McCreary, McLaurin, Morgan, Newlands, Overman, Patterson, Pettus, Piles, Rayner, Simmons, Spooner, Stone, Taliaferro, Teller, Warner. Total, 34, Nays—Aldrich, Allee, Brandegee, Burnham, Carter, Clark of Wyoming, Crane, Dick, Dryden, Foraker, Frye, Gallinger, Hale, Hansbrough, Heyburn, Hopkins, Kean, Lodge, Long, McCumber, Millard, Nelson, Nixon, Penrose, Perkins, Platt. Nelson, Nixon, Penrose, Perkins, Platt, Scott, Smoot, Sutherland, Wetmore, Total,

An amendment by Mr. McLaurin providfor should be paid to senators, members of the House and other federal officials was voted down without division, as was a motion by Mr. Newlands to recommit. Immediately Mr. Beveridge moved to pro ceed with the consideration of the state-hood bill. The motion prevailed, thus giving that measure its place on the calendar as the unfinished business.

The Consular Reform Bill. Secretary Root has been in conference

with Speaker Cannon at the Capitol on the bill for consular reform, which is so earnestly advocated by the Secretary of State. Although the measure was greatly amended by the Senate before its passage, it still embodies many of Mr. Root's reform ideas and he is anxious to have it pass the House as soon as possible

A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION WILL BE FORMED.

A resolution which it is hoped by those interested will serve as a basis for the cities of the country in their accounting, in order that a uniform system may be es tablished, was adopted last evening by the conference of controllers and auditors of sixty large cities, in session at the Arling-

The plan will be furthered by the statisticians who were present at the conference and by the census bureau, which is very anxious to bring about the proposed order of accounting, so that its figures may be more easily and intelligently compiled. It is also expected that the accounts of the various cities, when they are reduced to similar forms, will furnish a splendid basis for the comparative study of municipal af-fairs. On the whole, the blanks and methods of the census bureau were approved and will be followed.

The committee on resolutions which re-ported the plan had at its head Harry B. Henderson of Cheyenne, Wyo. The conference adopted a uniform blank for the reports of cities upon public utilities, after papers had been read on the subject and there had been a general discus-sion under the five-minute rule.

Conference Adjourned.

The conference adjourned, following the formation of a national organization of controllers and auditors, of which George B. Williams of Rochester, N. Y., was chosen president, Howard C. Beck of Detroit, Mich., secretary, and George B. Rex of Pawtucket, R. I., treasurer. The organiza-tion is divided into four grand divisions, the following being elected vice presidents in charge: Eastern, City Auditor Upham, Cambridge, Mass.; central, Controller Betz, St. Paul; southern, Controller Rives, Shreveport, La.; western, Auditor Wilson, Denver. The officers constitute an executive committee, which will report a plan of permanent organization at a meeting to be held in Chicago next summer in connection with the League of American Municipal-

Director North of the census bureau presented to the President yesterday afternoon about seventy-five of the auditors and controllers, representing sixty cities and six-

McCALL ISSUES DEFENSE. Speaks, Through Son, for Himself and Hamilton.

John A. McCall, ex-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, sent from what may be his deathbed, at Lakewood, N. J., last night a defense of his own work in the company and of his relations with Andrew Hamilton. The statement was made late yesterday afternoon to his son, John C. McCall, and others gathered in the death chamber, and was passed on by Mr. McCall to a group of reporters in the lobby of the Laurel House an hour or so later. "If it's God's will, I'm ready to go," My

McCall told his son. "I've lived a clean life. I've lived my life as I saw it. No man, woman or child can say that I ever wronged This was the family note made public Pressed to make known whether his father

made any reference to Hamilton, young Mr. McCall said: "My father has the greatest love and con-fidence for Mr. Hamilton. There was noth-ing wrong in Mr. Hamilton's relations with, my father or the company. So great is his trust in Mr. Hamilton that if he were to make his will today he would name him as

one of the executors.

"It was on my suggestion that I went abroad to see Mr. Hamilton, Father agreed with me. I brought back a report, as you already know, and though father was quite ill at the time, that report railled him very much. He got brighter and kept so for several days.'

"What are the facts in the current rumors regarding your father's great wealth?" he was asked.

"My father is not a wealthy man," was the reply. "At least he has no fabulous wealth. He drew a big salary, but lived up to it. Besides, he paid \$25,000 a year for premiums on his life to the New York Life Insurance Company. Here let me add somerestitution for certain discrepancies in Mr Hamilton's account he did that against the protest of the board of trustees of the company. They protested against his going on

the stand to make such an offer." "Is it true," Mr. McCall was asked, "that your father's ill health was hastened somewhat by the Hamilton affair?" "Absolutely no," replied Mr. McCall with

great vigor.
Mr. McCall said late last night, also, that his father would not recover. He said the entire family, except his mother, realized the seriousness of his condition, and would not be surprised at his death at any mo-ment. Mrs. McCall, however, is not ac-quainted with the alarming condition of her husband, and she still confidently hopes that he may survive his present troubles

Presidential Nominations Confirmed. The Senate in executive session has confirmed the following nominations: George E. Anderson, lillinois, consul general at Rio de Janeiro; Albert R. Morawetz, Arizona, consul at Bahia, Brazil; Benjamin F. Burwell, associate justice of the supreme court of Oklahoma; James W. Raynolds, New Mexico, secretary of New Mexico.
Collectors of customs—Elwell S. Crosby, district of Bath, Me.; Myron H. McCord, district of Arizona.

Marshals—James M. Millikan, western district of North Corollege, Libbs D. district of North Carolina; John R. Abernathy, territory of Oklahoma, and a number of postmasters.

House Committee to Go South.

The House committee on rivers and harbors has decided to make a trip to inspect rivers and harbors in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama. The date was not decided upon, but the committee will More Patients for St. Elizabeth's.

Secretary of War Taft, in a communication to the Speaker of the House, requests that legislation be enacted so that civilian employes of the medical department of the army who become insane may be confined at St. Elizabeth's.

In the decided upon, but the committee will probably start some time between March 6 and March 22, and will be away about ten days. Augusta and Columbus, Ga., will be visited, and the Savannah and Appalachticola rivers will be inspected. Mobile, Ala., and Gulfport, Miss., are among other cities to be visited. Several members of the House interstate and foreign commerce committee will also make the trip.

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CONCESSION BY FRANCE.

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the friendly relations between the two

countries. It is a coincidence that this

friendly act occurs while the American delegates at Algeciras are able to exert

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important pressure in ameliorating the Franco-German differences. The new insurance law permits the government to require foreign companies to

ernment to require foreign companies to deposit French securities as a guarantee for the payment of French policies. The American companies agreed to deposit French bonds covering their future business, but they objected to making an enormous purchase of French securities covering their past business.

The minister of commerce strenuously insisted on deposits on past business approximating \$20,000,000. The government has now waived the latter deposit on condition that the companies publicly announce that their past business is guaranteed by American securities and not by French securities. The regulation to this effect, with the government indorsement, has been submitted to the council of state as a preliminary to its official promulgation by the State Department.

Apparatus for New Naval Hospital. The Secretary of the Navy has awarded to W M Sheehan & Co of New York at their bid of \$3,929, the contract for fur-

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BUILDING-OTHER ALARMS.

A lighted cigar dropped upon a pile of Provisions of the Measure-Adoption rubbish in the cellar of the Postal Telewere anxious to assist the firemen who sounding of an alarm turned in from box a number of companies of the fire department responded and it was feared that the blaze would assume serious proportions, vented the spreading of the flames, which

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sponded, but the fire was put out before the arrival of the firemen and before any

damage had been caused.

Valuable Manuscript From Thibet Transmitted by Great Britain.

Great Britain has just transmitted to the Smithsonian Institution a valuable Thibetan manuscript, one of the results of the recent expedition of Colonel Younghusband into Thibet. It must be said for the British when they loot they loot scientifically, and the British museum is filled with the fruits of expeditions to all parts of the world that display a rare governmental instinct in grand larceny. But the manuscript in question is not loot. It is the fruit of legitimate purchase. When the Younghusband expedition started for Thibet it was accompanied by a regularly appointed eth-nologist and archeologist, Colonel Waddell, who was under orders of the government of India to purchase and acquire as many valuable manuscripts and objects of especial interest as could be conveniently obtained. This manuscript is one of the finds of the expedition and has been presented by the government of India to the Smithsonian in return for a number of scientific The manuscript is bound in heavy boards about an inch thick. It is ten inches wide and a little over three feet long. The upper board, which would correspond to the cover of a book, is heavily lacquered and the name of the volume embossed on the center while the outer edges are illuminated with a very fine border in an artistic vine pattern. The book is not bound as we would understand binding; the boards are loose and the leaves are laid between in a pile of and the leaves are laid between in a pile of paper a foot high. Each leaf is a little smaller than the board binding and is as heavy as very light cardboard. The paper is stained black and the writing is in gold characters half an inch square. The writing runs lengthwise of the page and as the pages are not numbered, the only way to tell whether they have been kept in order is to read them which there are

League Are Denied. President A. J. Cassatt of the Pennsylphia yesterday that he had never heard of the Bituminous Coal Trade League of Pennsylvania, which body presented a memorial to the House of Representatives at Washington on Tuesday. He said that it hardly seemed worth while to reply to

Mr. Cassatt said, first, that "neither the Pennsylvania Railroad Company nor myself individually own or have any interest in any bituminous coal mines; second, there is no discrimination, either in rules

WILLIE'S PETS THEY CERTAINLY KEEP MOTHER IN HOT WATER STANKE OF